IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA STATESVILLE DIVISION No. 5:18-CV-177-GCM

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This matter is before the Court upon Plaintiff's Motion for Attorney Fees pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 406(b). Defendant filed a response neither supporting nor opposing the fee request, but stating that under *Gisbrecht v. Barnhart*, 535 U.S. 789 (2002), it is the duty of the Court to determine a reasonable fee. After considering the factors identified by the Fourth Circuit in *Mudd v. Barnhart*, 418 F.3d 424, 428 (4th Cir. 2005), the Court finds the fees requested to be reasonable.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Plaintiff's counsel be awarded fees under 42 U.S.C. § 406(b) in the amount of \$30,058.87.

Signed: July 11, 2022

Graham C. Mullen

United States District Judge